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NEWSLETTER OF THE PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER
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TO THE COMMUNITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS,

The Quilt, a patchwork of 3' x 6' panels, each commemorating the life of a person lost to AIDS is scheduled to be displayed in Denver, April 21st-23rd.

The Southern Colorado AIDS Project (S-CAP) will collect panels from the Southern Colorado area and present the panels to the representatives from the NAMES Project (the San Francisco based group who organized the memorial Quilt) while the Quilt is in Denver.

We encourage the community, be it family, friends, bars, or the many social, professional, or religious organizations to join us by designing and creating a panel or by raising funds to help sponsor the Quilt in its tour of the country and help S-CAP provide resources for those still battling AIDS, ARC, and HIV infection in the Southern Colorado area.

Let no one be forgotten. Please join us in this worthwhile community project.

Signed, The Southern Colorado Aids Project (S-CAP), Gloria Latimer, President.

STATE OF THE CENTER: Message from the President, Ed Sells

With the new year PPGCC is feeling a new surge of life. With the hectic pace of the Holidays behind us we are working on many new exciting ideas and changes for the Center.

Three Board members have resigned, Vice President, Dan Lykins; Gayspeak Editor, Victoria Miller; and Helpline Coordinator, Laura Hughes. At this time I would like to thank those who put time and energy into the Board, especially those who worked to keep the Board functioning in some difficult times.

I am happy to announce that those three positions have been very ably filled. The position of Gayspeak Editor has been filled by Michelle Abdill, former Board member; Vice President Randy Hendrix; and the Helpline Coordinator is Harry Staub, a former PPGCC Helpline coordinator.

With these positions being filled and a couple of new groups in the works, the Board is very optimistic about the months ahead. Please feel free to com to our board meetings on the third Tuesday of each month and let us know how we can better serve you and the community. Any questions can be directed to the Helpline at 471-4GAY or contact a Board member.

Pikes Peak Gay Community Center Membership Application

$15.00 - Student/Volunteer
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$20.00 - Household
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Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

All membership information is kept strictly confidential.

_____ Yes, I would like to have GaySpeak delivered to the address listed above.

Signature _____

NOT ALL PARENTS ARE STRAIGHT

Just as all children are not straight...not all parents are straight. Step One showed a video (previously shown on PBS) by that name. This begins a series of discussions Step One plans to host dealing with a variety of important lesbian/gay issues.

As an outgrowth of this February meeting Lorri Ellis is spearheading an effort to start a support group for Children of Gays. She feels that because this can be a very emotional issue, that it would be very helpful to have the input of a Counselor, experienced in dealing with this issue.

If you are a child of gay parents and would like to be in a support group, call the Helpline. If you are a child of gay parents and do not feel the need for support come anyway and share your positive experiences with others.

If you are a counselor/therapist interested in helping this group get going, please call the Helpline.

STEP ONE HAS AN INVITATIN FOR YOU

Step One's focus is no longer limited to those who are exploring their gayness for the first time.

As a group they have decided that they want to open their first meeting of each month to the community and they encourage input from those who have something to offer and/or something to learn.

March's discussion is tentatively scheduled to deal with "the first time I (we) went somewhere knowing that the people we met would be lesbian/gay. How did we feel?" Step One sees this as an opportunity for all of us to share one of those important events in our lives while giving support for those who continue to deal with "coming out" issues.

Its important to remember that "coming out" happens in different ways and at different times for all of us.

Come and share with Step One, March 8. Call the Helpline for more information, 471-4GAY

CHRISTOPHER STREET--A MENS GROUP

Gay men now have their own group, a place where they can meet with other Gay men in a non-threatening environment. This is not a dating service.

The men involved in the initial organizing would like Christopher Street to be a healthy alternative to the bars. A group for men who want to develop friendships and not just "one night stands."

Anyone who is interested in joining this group call the Helpline at 471-4429.

PPGCC AND ECHO PRINT BEGIN NEW INFORMATION PROJECT

Dan Ames, owner of Echo Print, has come up with a new idea. Dan has proposed to the Board of PPGCC that they sponsor the printing of an "Information Packet." This packet would contain information about community groups and resources.

The packets would be distributed by mail when individuals request them. A $1.00 donation per packet should cover postage and printing as well as subsidize the mailing of packets to those who cannot afford the donation.

Information will be supplied by the groups and agencies and those entities will be responsible for the accuracy of the information they supply. Dan proposed that a cover letter be included with each packet explaining how the material was gathered, what the donation covers (including a receipt). This letter will also let the recipient know that their names and addresses are being kept strictly confidential in a file that will be used to send out other information that PPGCC feels is important for those in our community. This could include information about efforts being mounted by right-wing radicals to take away our rights, or positive efforts being made by the community

The PPGCC Board endorsed the project and asks all community groups and resources to begin compiling the information you want included in these packets. For more information or to make suggestions, come to the next Board meeting, March 15 at 7:00 p.m.

SPACE" ANNOUNCES WINTERFEST

"Winterfest '88'" will be held at Divine Maddness,2727 West 6th Ave., on Monday, February 29, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

This event traditionally draws over 500 men and women as well as politicos such as Mayor Pena, former Lt. Governor Nancy Dick and "a host of other notables." ("Outfront" 1-88)

COLORADO WOMYN'S WILDERNESS RETREAT NEEDS HELP

The Colorado Womyn's Wilderness Retreat (CWWR) is scheduled for the week of July 28 through August 1, 1988 at Beaver Meadows Resort in Red Feather Lakes, Colorado.

This event is slated as a celebration of women in music and the arts. They plan to provide women with five days of music, art, activities, and speakers on a wide range of topics. They hope to combine varying philosophies and the arts with relaxation in a wilderness setting.

How can you help? If you or someone you know is a poet, writer, musician, an artist/craftswoman interested in displaying and selling your wares, or if you are interested in presenting workshops or seminars call (303) 484-6184 or 493-8531 or 881-2450; or write to CWWR, P.O.BOX 493 LaPorte, CO 80535.

SIX STATE GAY AND LESBIAN CONFERENCE SLATED FOR DENVER

The fourth Desert and Mountain States Lesbian and Gay Conference will be held in Denver May 13-15, 1988 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel

The conference offers lesbians and gay men the chance to meet together to exchange ideas, form new friendships, attend informational workshops, compare their local and state problems and offer solutions, and begin a web of networking across the six state region.

The six states include Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. By bringing together people from these areas, the conference participants represent a diversity within gay culture itself.

But in our diversity we all represent common concerns as evidenced by the recent statement made to the nation as a whole with the October 1987 March on Washington, where thousands declared "For love and for life, we're not going back!"

This year's conference participants will carry that spirit into the conference, titled "Living Our Heritage." The first Desert States Lesbian and Gay Conference was held in 1985 in Las Vegas, Nevada, and was believed to be an important step for the region. In the two conferences since, at Phoenix, Arizona, in 1986, and Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 1987, this feeling has been confirmed as fact.

The Conference is based on the following statement: "With a deep recognition of our own self-worth and a full understanding of the nature of prejudice, we the Lesbian and Gay people of the Desert and Mountain States Conference do hereby adopt the folloing Statement of Purpose:

That all people are created equal;

That it is only prejudice and fear which hinders each of us from enjoying our full human rights as people of the world;

That ignorance and fear are perpetuated not only by external falsehoods and bigotry but also by the internal tragedies of the lesbian and gay closet;

That individuals, political and governmental institutions have for too long denied recognition of our existence and refuse us our rights;

That current attitudes have for too long been formulated by our opponents based upon myths and erroneous information.

We therefore reaffirm our right as people under the laws of the United States of America, and whole-heartedly dedicate ourselves to the promotion of equality for all gay and lesbian people and to assertively claim our place in society.

We further dedicated ourselves to the promotion of self-acceptance and self-respect on the part of increasing numbers of lesbian and gay people.

We believe in the ultimate victory of our cause, for it is just. There can be no doubt that the right to love and be loved is a universal and inalienable right, a right which shall not be taken away."

If you are interested in being involved as a participant or presenter contact the organizing committee at GLCC, P.O. Box Drawer E, Denver, CO 80218.

GAY VICTIM WINS SUIT

According to the "Washington Blade",the city of San Francisco agreed in an out-of-court settlement to pay gay resident Bruce Lindberg $53,500 for emotional and physical injuries he suffered after he was assaulted by two city police officers. The officers received jail sentences for the assault and each will pay $5,000 of the civil suit settlement.

THE COURT WELCOMES EVERYONE TO THE CHATEAU

The Imperial Court of Southern Colorado (ICSC) has been an active organization in Colorado Springs since 1978 with the installation of its "first Elected" monarchs.

The Court system has evolved from a "campy" event 20 years ago in San Francisco, into a community service organization.

The Court's stated goals are to "promote better relations with organizations and businesses within our community, to hold functions and fundraisers for the enjoyment of the community, to raise money for charitable organizations and to help those in the community who are in need of our assistance.

The Court is open to anyone. According to their self-description "There is no discrimination, our members represent every facet of our society. A person's gender, lifestyle or mode of dress has no bearing whatsoever on acceptance in our group."

Court functions are more than "drag shows." In fact the Court has been responsible for numerous dinners, barbeques, auctions, etc. Annual functions include Investiture, the P.R. Ball, Aspen Run, Thanksgiving Dinner, Winter Cotillion, Mr. Right Contest, Black and White Ball and in February, the Court night at the Iron Springs Chateau.

The night at the Chateau is open to the gay/lesbian and includes dinner, the melodrama, dancing, and a wonderful time for everyone. This year's event is scheduled for February 27. Dinner will begin at 6:00p.m. and the show will begin at 8:00. According to Court representatives the dinner and show should run about $18.50 and the show alone should be $9.00.

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Send all inquiries and submissions to The Source Publishing, %Gayspeak, P.O. Box 574, C.S., CO,80909.

AIDS STATS TAKE DIVE IN COUNTY

The spreads of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases slowed dramatically in El Paso County last year, according to a year-end report by the county Health Department.

New cases of gonorrhea and chlamydia were at their lowest levels on record and prostitution was in its largest decline in 20 years, the report states.("Gazette Telegraph" 1-30-88)

AIDS STATUS IN COLORADO

Colorado Department of Health December 31, 1987:

Number of confirmed cases:		542
Cases by Sex:	male	524
	female	18
Current Mortality:	Alive	226
	Dead	316
Age At Diagnosis:		
	0-9	3
	10-19	4
	20-29	112
	30-39	261
	40-49	107
	over 49	55

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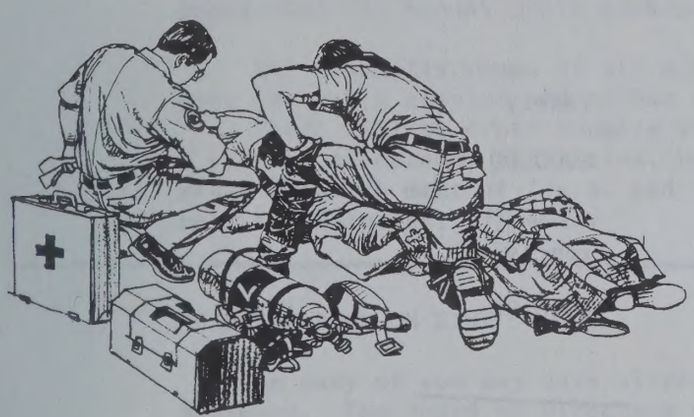

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Allow 1 week for delivery.

AIDS SUMMIT IN LONDON BRINGS NEW INFORMATION TO THE WORLD

Health officials from 145 countries met in London in the last week of February. They planned to launch a global assault on the deadly epidemic.

The three-day conference, which began February 27, 1988, was the largest meeting of government ministers ever held on a single health problem, according to the World Health Organization.

On Wednesday, national news agencies reported that a pamphlet will be mailed to every household in America. These pamphlets will delineate the AIDS issue as clearly as possible.

But the most important news to come out of the conference in the first day is that there is some evidence that points to a strong link between AIDS and all other sexually transmitted diseases. The experts are now looking at the correlation between those who develope AIDS and their past or current infection with other sexually transmitted diseases.

TEXAS BEGINS FUNDING AIDS PROGRAMS

For the first time, Texas has earmarked state funds to combat AIDS, according to the "Montrose Voice." Health officials announced last month that $1.5 million in grants has been allocated for AIDS education and to assist local service organizations in caring for people with AIDS.

TREASURER PROJECTS '88 BUDGET

PPGCC Treasurer, Tim Sanders submitted the following figures as a projected budget for the 1988 year. It is important to note that these figures are based on the Center being located in a specific place, one where we can make our library available to members once again; a place where people can hold meetings and various gatherings, etc.

Is a Place, a home for the Pikes Peak Gay Community Center something that we need in Colorado Springs? The Board feels that it is vital and if you agree come to the next Board meeting on March 15, or contact a Board member or call the Helpline.

GAYSPEAK

	Monthly	Yearly
$26.40 Postage $53.00 Printing	$79.40	$952.80

HELPLINE

	Monthly	Yearly
$57.00 Phone $100.00 Stipend	$157.00	$1884.00

CENTER RENT

	Monthly	Yearly
$250.00	$250.00	$3000.00

UTILITIES

	Monthly	Yearly
$40.00 Gas,lights	$40.00	$480.00

GROUP ACTIVITY FEES

	Yearly
Picnics,Parties Misc.	$300.00

MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES

	Yearly
	$500.00

Estimated 1988 budget $7116.80

Respectfully Summitted

Tim Sanders Treasurer PPGCC

NEWSLETTERS AND HANDOUTS AVAILABLE

Gayspeak and PPGCC are on mailing lists for several other newsletters from across the nation. We also receive information and bulletins about events and gatherings from all over. We will try to include a cross section of the information available to us but as you can well imagine we can't copy everything and print it in our Newsletter.

In order to have all of this information available to PPGCC members we will have the newsletters and handouts at the monthly Board meetings, and Step One meetings. If you or your group would like more information about any of the articles or newsletters please call the Helpline and leave a message for Michelle.

If you have access to any other information that Gayspeak, the Helpline and/or the Board should have, please call us.

FEBRUARY EVENTS:

Mon.--1: Seek & Peek, 7 p.m.; Christopher Street, 7p.m.(see article in newsletter); Gay AA, 8p.m., Doctor's Hospital (Eisenhower Hospital)
Tues.--2: Step One, 6:30 p.m., "Not all parents are straight."; GALA.
Wed.--3: 40+, 7p.m.; PPMCC, 7p.m.
Thurs.--4: SOS, 7:30 p.m.
Fri.--5: Gay AA, 8p.m.
Sat.--6:
Sun.--7: Christ Chapel, 10:30 a.m.;Pikes Peak MCC, 5 p.m.
Mon.--8: Gay AA 8p.m.
Tues.--9: GALA
Wed.--10: 40+, 7p.m.; PPMCC Bible Study, 7p.m.
Thurs.--11: SOS, 7:30p.m.
Fri.--12: Gay AA, 8p.m.
Sat.--13:
Sun.--14: 40+ Chili Cookout (see article in newsletter); Christ Chapel, 10:30a.m.; PPMCC, 5p.m.
Mon.--15: Gay AA 8p.m.; Christopher St. 7p.m.
Tues.--16: Step One, 6:30p.m.;PPGCC Board Meeting, 7p.m.; GALA.
Wed.--17: 40+, 7p.m.; PPMCC Bible Study, 7p.m.
Thurs.--18: SOS,7:30p.m.
Fri.--19: Gay AA, 8p.m.
Sat.--20:
Sun.--21: Christ Chapel, 10:30a.m.; PPMCC, 5p.m.
Mon.--22: Gay AA, 8p.m.
Tues.--23: GALA
Wed.--24: 40+, 7p.m.; PPMCC Bible Study, 7p.m
Thurs.--25: SOS, 7:30p.m.
Fri.--26: Gay AA,8p.m.
Sat.--27:
Sun.--28: Christ Chapel, 10:30a.m.; PPMCC, 5 p.m.
Mon.--29: Gay AA, 8p.m.

40 PLUS COOKIN' UP A VALENTINES DAY CHILI COOKOUT

The women's support/social group for women over 40 years old, 40+, is sponsoring the annual chili cookout at Monument Lake on Sunday, February 14.

All community women of all ages are invited. They ask that you bring your own table service and either chili or some other food to share.

There will be cross country skiing (if Mother Nature cooperates) and a variety of outdoor activities. But mostly good fun and good food. The group plans to meet at 10a.m. and stay the day. For more information call the Helpline, 471-4GAY.

HELPLINE BACK ON LINE

As many of you may have already noticed, the Helpline is back in business. The Board of Directors of the Pikes Peak Gay Community Center has appointed a new coordinator after accepting the resignation of Laura Hughes. The new coordinator is Harry Staub, and as of January 16th, the Helpline is back in service.

Presently, the hours are Monday through Friday from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and the machine will be in operation to take your messages when the volunteers are not on duty. The line is staffed with twelve volunteers, several of whom had worked with Laura and are presenty involved in training the new people. If you are interested in volunteering some time to a worthwhile cause...please, give us a call and leave your name and number either on the tape or with a volunteer. The coordinator will get back to you as soon as possible.

At this time we would like to ask all of the support groups and organizations who are involved with the Community Center to please help us by helping themselves. We need for each of you to write up a promotional letter describing what your group is, when you meet, what you do, and who you are. This information will be included in the volunteer handbooks along with the information we already have on your group. Copy can be handwritten but should only be one side of an 8 1/2 x 11 piece of paper when typewritten. Copy can be mailed to PPGCC, P.O. Box 574, Colo. Spgs., CO 80901 or turned in at the Board meetings.

Remember, the Helpline is here to serve YOUR community. Without YOUR help, our service is limited.

IT'S IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO KNOW.....

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